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**RESOLVED,** THAT it be recommended to the several states, to make provision for soldiers or seaman, who have been disabled in the service of the United States, in the following manner, viz.

- I. A complete list shall be made out by proper officers in each state, of all the officers, soldiers or seaman, who have served in the army or navy of the United States, or in the militia in the service of the United States, and have been disabled in such service, by wounds or otherwise, so as to be incapable of military duty, or of obtaining a livelihood by labour, in which list shall be expressed, the age, wound, or other disability of each invalid, also the regiment, corps, or ship to which he belonged, and a copy of the same shall be transmited to the superintendant of finance, or to such other person as Congress may appoint to receive the same within one year after each state shall pass a law for this purpose.
- 2. No officer, soldier, or seaman, shall be considered as an invalid, or entitled to pay, unless he can produce a certificate or document from the commanding officer or surgeon of the regiment, ship, corps, or company in which he served, or from a physician or surgeon of a military hospital, or other good and sufficient testimony, setting forth his disability, and that he was thus disabled while in the service of the United States.

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- 3. That each state institute a mode of ascertaining, whether the person producing a document or certificate, setting forth that he is an invalid, be such in fact, and it such to what pay he is entitled, and thereupon, the persons appointed to make such enquiry, shall give a certificate to the invalid, and transmit a counterpart to the person who may be appointed by the state to receive and record the same.
- 4. That any state may form such invalids under the aforesaid description, as are citizens of the same, and are capable of garrison duty, into corps, to be employed in guarding military stores or prisoners, securing the police, or otherwise, as the state may direct.
- 5. That when invalids shall be formed into corps, there be quarterly returns, comprehending age, wound, or other disability, regiment, ship, or corps to which he formerly belonged made out and signed by their commanding officer, and transmitted, as aforesaid, that their pay may be ordered according to said return.
- 6. That all invalids, as well those formed into corps, as those who are not, shall annually apply themselves to a magistrate of the county in which they reside or may be stationed, and make the following oath viz. A.B. came before me, one of the justices for the county of in the state of and made oath, that he was examined by appointed by the said state (or commonwealth) for that purpose, obtained a certificate, or had his certificate examined and countersigned, setting forth that he had served in that he received a wound in or was disabled by and that he now lives in the and in the county of
- 7. That the affidavit drawn according to the above form, and dated and attested by a magistrate, be sent by said magistrate, to the person or persons appointed by the state, to receive and record the same, and that a counterpart of said affidavit, be preserved by the invalid, to be exhibited to such persons as shall be appointed by the state to pay them.
- 8. That no officer who has accepted his commutation for half pay, shall be entered on the list of invalids, unless he shall first have returned his commutation.

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9. That no private soldier or non-commissioned officer, shall in any case be allowed more than five dollars per month; nor shall any commissioned officer, be allowed more than half of his former whole pay, on account of the United States.

RESOLVED, That each state shall have credit in the payment of its annual quota to the United States, for such sum or sums as may be advanced to invalids, according to the foregoing regulations.

Invalids Passed W. Lee On Invalids